

5th Grade

Unit 1: The Bible

Week 5: The Bible is Necessary

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Booklet:** Write today's truth: "**The Bible is necessary.**"

MEMORY WORK: Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith. See if they remember the following points:

- **Booklet:** Have kids write the unit Bible verse: **All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. ~ 2 Timothy 3:16**
- **Game:** Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Booklet:** Have Instruct kids to fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class. Use one of the games from the list to review the answers.
 4. **The Old Testament was written before Jesus was born and is full of clues about His future coming.**
 5. **The New Testament records Jesus' life and after Jesus' life.**
 6. **There are 39 books in the Old Testament.**
 7. **There are 27 books in the New Testament.**
- **Game:** Reinforce today's trivia by doing an activity from the Trivia list.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Recite the Apostles' Creed together explaining that it is a summary of what Christians believe. It is a clear guide to salvation.

DISCUSSION: *Last week we discussed how the Bible is all about Jesus. This week we will explore deeper how we can develop a relationship with Jesus and the role that Scripture plays.

Read 2 Peter 1:3

Who does the Bible give us 'true knowledge' of? How can knowing this be enough to guide our lives?

(The Bible gives us true knowledge of who God is through the prophets in the Old Testament and through the person of Jesus in the New Testament. If we know who God is, then we can live our lives in a way that glorifies him.)

If the Word of God has 'granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness' then is there anything outside of the Bible that we need to be saved or live life according to God's will? *(No, there is nothing outside of the Bible that we need to have to be saved. Things like human traditions and laws can be good, but are not needed for salvation.)*

Read Psalm 119:105-106

How does knowing God's 'rules' provide us with a lamp to our feet and a light to our path? *(Knowing how God wants us to live can make things clear in the same way the light shows us the way to go. Without Scripture to tell us the rules, we would be wandering aimlessly in the dark.)*

Read Matthew 4:4

Jesus responds to temptation by saying that the Word of God is as important to our lives as food. By comparing these two things, what can we understand about how important it is to know and read the Bible? *(Food is necessary for our very lives. Jesus is helping us to understand that just like going long enough without food will lead to physical death, living without God's Word will lead to spiritual death with eternal consequences.)*

Read Luke 24:44-47

How can the Bible help us to be saved individually? How does it help us to know what we should be doing as a result? *(The gospel tells us how to be saved through Jesus, there is really no other way for us to know through the generations about our salvation through Christ. We also know that we are to proclaim His Word to 'all nations'.)*

Read Romans 15:4

What are some things that Paul says we can get from Scripture alone? *(instruction, encouragement, and hope)*

How can reading the Bible give us instruction? *(The Bible tells us what God's will for us is and how to live righteously in a broken world.)*

How can reading the Bible give us encouragement? *(Scripture helps us to see God's grace, provision, and plan for our lives.)*

How can reading the Bible give us hope? *(Through God's Word, we can know the wonderful salvation through Christ Jesus that has been freely given to us.)*

Extended Discussion: How does the Bible help us now in our daily lives and how can it help us eternally? Think about how the Bible can help us:

- Know the character of God
- Know the will of God
- Know the broken nature of the world.
- Know the nature of your personal sin
- Know how to be saved

Summary: God is revealed in his creation to everyone. Just by looking around at the world around us, we can see that God exists in a powerful way. However, to know the true character of God, we need more specific details about his relationship with man and his abundant grace. This can only be found in Scripture. The Bible has long been recognized as the most important book to ever be written. In fact, Johannes Guttenberg invented the printing press expressly to make Bibles more accessible. In a world where truth is getting harder and harder to discern, the Bible is a place where humans can understand their proper position as sinners and learn of how Christ has come to help us.

PRAYER: Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME: Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.